

FAQ: Permit

Additional Resources



1) When can I start work?

You can start construction as soon as you obtain a SCAP permit and have your construction BMPs in place.

2) I don't want to start now; can I change my start date?

Yes, just remember that the permit is active and you must continue to protect the MS4 with BMPs throughout the project whether there is activity or not.

3) How do I update the site plan?

Site Plans can be updated at any time. For significant changes, talk to your construction inspector because a change might trigger a site plan review or permit modification.

4) How do I close my permit?

The Permittee must complete a Notice of Termination form. This should be submitted to the construction inspector so that a final inspection can be done to verify the project is complete.



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bit.ly/stormwater-quality-program

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

www.cdphe.state.co.us

(303)692-3517

Nonpoint Source Colorado

www.npscolorado.com

Urban Drainage and Flood Control District's Urban Storm Drainage

Criteria Manual Volume 3 - Best Management Practices

[www.udfcd.org/downloads/
down_critmanual_volIII.htm](http://www.udfcd.org/downloads/down_critmanual_volIII.htm)



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Stormwater Compliance



*What to expect with a
Stormwater
Construction
Activity Permit*

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As the Permittee, you are expected to:

- Continuously monitor your construction site and identify potential problems and permit violations,
- Correct violations immediately,
- Comply with the permit requirements in order to keep pollutants out of the MS4 and the environment.

1) How often am I required to inspect my construction site?

As the permittee, you need to inspect your site frequently and monitor it continuously to avoid violations. When an issue arises, **you are expected to correct the problem immediately.** If you have a CDPHE Construction Activity Permit it may contain additional requirements.

2) How often will the City inspect my site?

City construction inspectors will complete an official site inspection once per month. However, they will inform your onsite personnel of any violations or issues as they find them. The construction inspectors are a great resource for helping you stay in compliance and avoid enforcement.

If you fail to maintain compliance, a stormwater inspector will conduct a more thorough inspection and address all violations with the appropriate enforcement actions.

3) What are enforcement actions?

The City is required to take enforcement actions to address violations and bring the Permittee into compliance with the permit and City codes as quickly as possible. The level of enforcement escalates with the significance of the violation or when the Permittee is unable to maintain compliance.

The City can use Administrative Orders, Civil Penalties, Stop Work Orders and criminal enforcement options as outlined in Municipal Code §14.26.

4) What BMPs should I use?

BMPs must be functional, appropriate for the pollutant source and designed, installed and maintained in a manner to ensure that they function properly for the duration of the project. If they don't work, replace them with ones that do. **Be proactive: Don't wait for the City inspector to find a violation.**

Municipal Code §14.26.050

Non-stormwater discharges to the city's MS4 are prohibited. Illegal non-stormwater discharges, include, but are not limited to, discharges that:

1. Cause or contribute to violations of the city's MS4 permit;
2. Cause or contribute to any blockages of or damage to the MS4;
3. Constitute a fire or explosion hazard;
4. Contain any toxic or hazardous material including, but not limited to, pathogens, chemicals and automotive fluids and hazardous waste as defined in 40 CFR 261.3;
5. Cause or contribute to a public nuisance as defined in chapter 9.04 of the Longmont Municipal Code;
6. Contain radioactive material;
7. **Result from any construction activities including, but not limited to, earthwork, paving, concrete placement, painting, saw cutting and material storage;**
8. Consist of trucked or hauled wastes including, but not limited to, septage, recreational vehicle waste, and water from mobile washing operations;
9. Contain or consist of any pollutant or any material that is harmful to humans, animals, aquatic life or the environment.